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SUBJECT: TOPICS FOR PRESIDENTIAL MEETING: WORLD TOURISM
ORGANIZATION

1. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA MAY SEEK U.S. SUPPORT TO HAVE
MEXICO CITY SELECTED AS THE SITE FOR THE HEADQUARTERS
OF THE NEW WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION.

2. THE GOM MADE A VERY STRONG PITCH FOR U.S. SUPPORT
DURING U.S.P-MEXICO CONSULTATIONS HELD IN MEXICO CITY
SEPT 11. (U.S. PARTICIPANTS FROM WASHINGTON WERE:
MR. DAVID PARKER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
FOR TOURISM AND MR. CARL GRIP, AGENCY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.)

3. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, THE GOM SPOKESMAN, AMB.
FERNANDO CASTRO Y CASTRO, INDICATED THAT MEXICO HAD
COME RELUCTANTLY TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THE U.S.
COMMITMENT IS FIRM TO SUPPORT ZAGREB SO LONG AS IT REMAINS
A VIABLE CANDIDATE, BUT PRESSED FOR A U.S. PLEDGE TO
SUPPORT MEXICO CITY AS ITS SECOND CHOICE.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: UNLESS THERE ARE REASONS TO THE
CONTRARY, IT SEEMS THAT THIS MIGHT BE AN AREA WHERE
THE U.S. MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING AND OFFER TO SUPPORT MEXICO
IF ZAGREB IS WITHDRAWN OR IF MATTER GOES TO SECOND OR
THIRD VOTE.

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